

Madera Superior Court Security Policy – Prohibited Items

Madera Superior Court adopted its most recent Security Policy on May 20, 2009. This policy prohibits the following items from being brought into the courthouse:

Prohibited Items:

1. Weapons;
2. Mace;
3. Pepper spray;
4. Pocketknives;
5. Scissors;
6. Screwdrivers and other tools; and
7. Other items Security Staff determine potentially dangerous

Weapons Include But Are Not Limited To:

1. Any firearm;
2. Any deadly weapon described in Section 16590 PC, et seq.;
3. Any pepper spray or tear gas weapon;
4. Folding knives with a blade longer than 4 inches;
5. Any Taser or stun gun, as defined in Section 244.5 PC;
6. BB gun, pellet gun, paint gun, or facsimile gun;
7. Any item described in Section 171b PC;
8. Items deemed by a deputy sheriff to be a potentially dangerous weapon.

If such items are brought into the building, the individual possessing them will be encouraged to return it to their vehicle or have an associate/relative hold the item for them outside of the courthouse. Refusal to do so will result in the item being confiscated by court security.

Prohibited items left by an individual or confiscated by court security will be handled in accordance with Court Administration guidelines. All property considered to be evidence in violation of any federal, state, county or city statute shall be turned over to the Sheriff's Department for an incident report and disposition. Items taken as evidence will be processed in accordance with Sheriff's Department guidelines.